

AMERICAN DRAGON: JAKE LONG
"Ghost Story"
(777A-219)

TEASER

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - ESTABLISHING - DAY

THE SIGN OVER THE FRONT GATES - reads 'Camp Mugwomp.' A hand-painted banner strung over the gate reads 'Cup Competition Today!' TITLES READ: "Seven summers ago..."

1	COUNSELOR JENKINS (V.O.)	1
	This is it, Jake...	

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - DOCKS - DAY

Eighteen year old COUNSELOR JENKINS is taping up the ankle of SEVEN YEAR OLD JAKE. Jenkins has 'Counselor #8' on his shirt. Jake has '#8' on his shirt.

2	COUNSELOR JENKINS	2
	...We're tied with Cabin Seven.	

3	SEVEN YEAR OLD JAKE	3
	But Counselor Jenkins, my ankle...	

4	COUNSELOR JENKINS	4
	I know, I know--just suck it up.	
	The winner of this cross country	
	race wins the Mugwomp Cup!	

ZIP PAN over to THE MUGWOMP CUP, a large segmented trophy, sitting under glass in an outdoor trophy case. There's an ANGELIC MUSIC STING as we ZIP PAN back to Seven Year Old Jake, who glances over at--

A YOUNGER BRAD - who is waiting at the 'Start' line with a '#7' tee shirt. He grins.

5	YOUNGER BRAD	5
	Forget it, loser. The Bradster is	
	going to destroy you!	

Jake gets up and limps over, lining up next to the much bigger Brad. We hear the CHEERS of campers as we--

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - FIELD - DAY

The CHEERING CAMPERS are gathered around a 'Finish' line at the base of a steep hill. One points up.

6 CAMPER #1 6
Here they come!

THE TOP OF THE HILL

Seven year old Jake emerges from the tree line with an exhausted Brad struggling to keep up behind him.

FOLLOW JAKE - ducks behind a bank of trees as he races towards the finish line far below him. He abruptly slows, reaching for his throat. He HACKS and GASPS for a moment, fighting for breath and suddenly--

7 SEVEN YEAR OLD JAKE 7
<COUGHS>

--A burst of fire BLASTS out of his mouth. It is the very first manifestation of Jake's dragon powers and it catches him very much off guard--

8 SEVEN YEAR OLD JAKE 8
Huh? What was tha--ahhhhhh!

JAKE'S BAD ANKLE - catches on a tree root and he trips, tumbling all the way down the hill.

9 SEVEN YEAR OLD JAKE 9
Whoahh! Ahhh! Ow! Ooof! Stop!

Jake finally face plants into a mud puddle at the base of the hill, just steps away from the finish line. He raises his head, but gets it shoved back into the mud as Brad's foot SLAMS down on his back. Jake looks up to see--

BRAD - jogging over the finish line and grabbing the Mugwomp Cup as he is hoisted onto the shoulders of his fellow campers, who are all LAUGHING and pointing at Jake. Brad waves the cup in Jake's face.

10 YOUNGER BRAD 10
Sorry, loser. But the Mugwomp Cup
is cup is mine, all mine! Yes!
The Bradster rules!

JAKE - holds his ankle in the mud as the LAUGHTER continues. Counselor Jenkins shakes his head at him, turns away.

11 SEVEN YEAR OLD JAKE 11
No...No...No...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BUS - PRESENT - DAY

JAKE - is asleep, his face comically squished up against the window of the bus.

12 JAKE 12
No...No...

We hear the HISS of brakes as TRIXIE shakes Jake awake.

13 TRIXIE 13
Yo, wake up, Jakey. We're here.

14 JAKE 14
Huh? Wha? Who? Where?

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - ENTRANCE - DAY

Jake pulls a duffle bag out from the luggage compartment under the bus. He glances around, surveying the series of cabins and buildings built along a lake.

15 JAKE 15
Check it out. Camp Mugwomp.

TRIXIE AND SPUD - Trixie begins pulling out her bags.

16 TRIXIE 16
And we're Junior Camp counselors!
How cool is that?

17 SPUD 17
These next two weeks are going to
rock! <air guitar sounds>----UMPFT!

Spud is cut off as Trixie loads her luggage into his arms. While Spud stumbles around under the burden of the load--

JAKE AND TRIXIE - move forward. Jake takes in the familiar surroundings of the camp.

18 JAKE 18
Whoah. I haven't been back here
since I was just a little kid.
(MORE)

JAKE(cont'd)

It doesn't look like it's changed
much. Cabins over there. Mess
hall over there...

Something catches Jake's eye. He and Trixie walk over to the
outdoor trophy case where the Mugwomp cup sits. We hear the
same ANGELIC MUSIC sting.

19 JAKE 19
...And the same Mugwomp Cup.

20 TRIxie 20
Mug-a-what now?

While Jake and Trixie speak, we see the overloaded Spud
blindly stumbling around behind them.

21 JAKE 21
It's the camp's official trophy.
At the end of each session, all the
cabins compete for it.

22 BRAD (O.S.) 22
--Only Jake doesn't know anything
about actually winning it...

Jake and Trixie spin around to see Brad approaching from
another bus, a duffle bag over his shoulder.

23 BRAD 23
...because he never actually did.
Surprise! The Bradster is a
junior counselor, too. Owwww!

Brad strides off, cackling. Jake and Trixie roll their eyes
while in the b.g., Spud stumbles off the dock with a SPLASH.
(He should not appear to be drowning.)

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24 SPUD 24
Whoahhhh! Pfft! Hey, guys! I
think I found the lake.

Trixie races over to the shore, concerned--

25 TRIxie 25
Yo! Is there a life guard on duty?
Somebody's got to save my luggage!

SMASH TO:

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - ESTABLISHING - DAY

VARIOUS QUICK SHOTS - Young kids of all shapes, sizes, and colors get off of a row of busses that line the entrance to the camp.

26 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS (V.O.) 26
Two Junior Counselors will be
assigned to each cabin...

INT. CAMP MUGWOMP - MESS HALL - DAY

Jake and Spud stand in line with other Junior Counselor while the HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS (now in his mid twenties) hands them shirts and checks off a clipboard.

27 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS 27
...Remember, as Junior Counselors,
you are responsible for the well
being of your campers. But even
more importantly, you will also
coach your campers in official
Mugwomp Cup games!

Jake and Spud take their shirts and head for the exit. Jake carries his bag and notices for the first time that Spud is empty-handed.

28 JAKE 28
Yo, Spud. Where's your luggage?

29 SPUD 29
Oh, I decided to pack light.

30 JAKE 30
Light? But you don't have a single
bag.

Spud holds up his arms and slowly turns.

31 SPUD 31
Exactamundo. Just the clothes on
my back.

32 JAKE 32
Whoah. You're going to be wearing
those same nasty clothes every day
for the next two weeks?

33 SPUD 33
 Ew. No. Of course not. I'm going
 to be wearing someone else's nasty
 clothes every day for the next two
 weeks. Observe...

Spud hops over a counter and pulls out a cardboard box
 labeled 'Lost And Found.' He hoists it onto his shoulder as
 he and Jake exit the building.

34 SPUD 34
 You see, every camp always builds
 up a vast supply of 'lost and
 found' items over the years. I
 figure I can get through the entire
 session here with nothing but the
 contents of this box.

EXT. MESS HALL - CONTINUOUS

Jake and Spud exit and walk down the steps. Jake nods at the
 'lost and found' box on Spud's shoulder.

35 JAKE 35
 But Spud, you have no idea what's
 even in there.

36 SPUD 36
 That's the beauty of it. Imagine
 the mystery...the danger...

Spud puts the box down and blindly reaches into it, pulling
 out an ornate Japanese fan. It pops open.

37 SPUD 37
 Yes! You see? I'm an adrenaline
 fiend, bewitched by the thrill of
 the lost and found. *

Spud begins fanning himself as Trixie approaches, wearing a
 white tee shirt with a 'band-aid'-looking insignia.

38 TRIxie 38
 What's crackilating, guys? Check
 me out. You are now looking at the
 official Junior Counselor assistant
 to the camp nurse.

39 JAKE 39
 That's great, Trix.

40 SPUD 40
You're on your way to becoming
Doctor Trixie Carter for sure.

41 TRIxie 41
Mmmm-hmmm. Doctor Trixie Carter.
I do like the sound of that.
(noticing) Uh, Jakey--do I even
want to know why Spud is carrying
around a 'lost and found' box and a
Japanese fan?

42 JAKE 42
Trust me. You really don't.

43 TRIxie 43
So what about you two? Did you get
a cabin assignment?

Jake holds up his shirt, which reads 'Counselor #9.'

44 JAKE 44
Cabin number nine is all us. Come
on, Spud. Let's go meet our
campers.

CUT TO:

EXT. CABIN - DAY

Jake and Spud stand outside a cabin with a '9' on the door.

45 JAKE 45
I just hope we have time to whip
these kids into shape...

Jake opens the door and walks into--

THE CABIN

--where they find SIX SUPER ATHLETIC-LOOKING SEVEN YEAR OLDS
with crew cuts. One muscular kid is doing one-arm chin ups
on a bunk bed while four other kids are dead-lifting the
entire bed. Two others tumble by like pro gymnasts.

JAKE AND SPUD - survey the kids.

46 JAKE 46
Whoah, Spud. Check them out.

47 SPUD 47
They're like genetically engineered
super campers or something.

Jake cockily steps forward, addressing the cabin--

48 JAKE 48
Hey kids. Whassup, my "camp"adres?
I'd like you to meet the Junior
Counselor who is going to
personally lead you to victory in
this year's Mugwomp Cup competition-

We hear a TOILET FLUSH as Brad emerges from the bathroom,
wearing a 'Counselor #6' shirt. He places his arm around
Jake, leading him back to the door.

49 BRAD 49
Well, thanks Jake. But the boys
and I have already met. See, I
hand-picked them for one purpose--
to win that cup.

Jake stops, pointing to his shirt.

50 JAKE 50
Look, Brad. I know you were held
back like three grades or
something, but even you must know
the difference between a number
'six' and a number 'nine.'

51 SPUD (O.S.) 51
Uh, Jake...?

Jake looks up at--

SPUD - who is fiddling with the number on the door. He
twists it, showing that the number '9' is actually a loose
'6' that has fallen upside-down.

Brad grins as Jake glances around.

52 JAKE 52
So hold up. If this is cabin six,
then where's our cabin?

CUT TO:

EXT./INT. CABIN NUMBER NINE - DAY

POV SHOT - as Jake opens the cabin nine door to reveal a sorry group of seven year old boys--EUGENE is quivering under a bed. MARKY runs from side to side over a chess board, playing against himself. CRAIG and CHRIS shove candy bars into their mouths.

53 BENNY/EUGENE/MARKY/CRAIG/CHRIS 53
<crying/screaming>

JAKE AND SPUD - absorb the scene as they enter the cabin.

54 JAKE 54
Say wha-at? You have got to be
kidding me...

Spud steps forward, raising his voice--

55 SPUD 55
Attention, cabin nine campers. I'm
Spud. This is Jake. We're your JC
buddies for the next two weeks.
Now gather up and introduce
yourselves.

BENNY - a bright and happy boy, rolls out of the bathroom and up to Jake and Spud. He is sealed in a round, hard plastic ball (like a hamster's). He speaks through the air-holes. *

56 BENNY 56
Hi! I'm Benny! I get picked on a
lot, so I've sealed myself in this
bully-resistant wonder-ball! See? *

As Benny KNOCKS on it to demonstrate its hardness, Jake collapses onto a bunk, rolling his eyes. *

57 JAKE 57
Perfect. Just perfect.

EUGENE - a scrawny kid, races forward, hugging Jake's leg.

58 EUGENE 58
<crying> I'm Eugene! I'm scared of
everything! Take me back to my
Mommy! I'll give you anything!

Spud pats Eugene on the head while Marky, the chess-playing brain in coke bottle glasses, shakes hand.

59	MARKY	59	
	Marky. I have an IQ of 240 and a		*
	crippling fear of germs.		*
	(then, re: his hand)		*
	Can someone pass me some liquid		*
	hand sanitizer? (beat, freaking)		*
	Someone? Anyone?!		*

CRAIG AND CHRIS - two obese identical twins, stuff candy bars in their mouths as they approach.

60	CRAIG	60
	He's Chris.	

61	CHRIS	61
	He's Craig.	

62	CRAIG	62
	We're identical twins, only I weigh	
	five pounds more than Chris.	

Chris shoves an extra candy bar into his mouth.

63	CHRIS	63
	Not for long, you don't.	

Jake shrugs, heading for the door.

64	JAKE	64
	All right. Well, I guess I'm stuck	
	with you guys so let's see what you	
	got.	

Spud reaches into his 'lost and found' box.

65	SPUD	65
	I'll be right there. I gotta	
	change into something more	
	comfortable...	

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - SOFTBALL FIELD - DAY

SPUD - is dressed in a ridiculous 'Flashdance'-looking outfit with ripped sweatshirt and Jane Fonda leggings. Jake paces up and down in front of Benny, Eugene, Marky, Chris and Craig.

66 JAKE

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O.k., cabin nine, listen up. The
Camp Mugwomp Cup competition is a
one day event that pits cabin
against cabin in a variety of
different outdoor events...

Jake picks up a stick and begins writing the names of the activities in the dirt.

67 JAKE 67
Let's see, there's swimming,
sailing, archery, water skiing,
rock climbing...?

Jake looks over the kids, who are exchanging blank stares.

68 JAKE 68
So let's hear it. What are you
guys good at. Come on, there's
gotta be something you guys can do.
Anyone? Anything?

CHRIS AND CRAIG - step forward. They exchange a look and then begin BELCHING out "The Camptown Races"

69 CHRIS/CRAIG 69
Burp Burp Burp Burp Burp Burp Burp--
/Burp-burp. Burp-burp.

The finish big and we hear singular APPLAUSE from--

SPUD - who stops CLAPPING when he sees Jake glaring at him.

70 SPUD 70
What? That was in perfect tune!
(sniff--sniff) And with a just a
hint of beef jerky.

Jake rolls his eyes and breaks the stick over his knee.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - NIGHT

A SMALL GRAVEYARD - surrounded by an iron fence sits on a hill under the full moon. At the base of the hill is--

A FIRE PIT

--where Mugwomp's campers and counselors sit around a glowing bonfire safely contained within a ring of rocks.

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CLOSE ON SPUD - as he carefully arranges a roasted marshmallow and chocolate in between graham crackers.

71 SPUD 71
Now watch closely, while I show you
the gourmet art of the s'more...

PULL OUT to reveal that Spud is wearing a traditional
Scottish kilt. The kids of Cabin Nine watch him.

72 BENNY 72
Counselor Spud, why are you wearing
a skirt?

73 SPUD 73
It's actually a traditional
Scottish kilt. Or a tablecloth.
I'm not exactly sure. All I can
tell you is that it once was
'lost,' but now is 'found.' Here,
gang--feast up!

Spud shoves the s'more into Marky's mouth.

74 MARKY 74
Actually, *it's against my moral
code to eat anything containing
hydrogenated oils or artificial-*
mmmmppph! *

Marky continues GAGGING as we PAN OVER to Jake and Trixie,
sitting by the fire. Trixie stretches.

75 TRIxie 75
<yawn> Man, it is day one and I've
already treated six cases of poison
ivy, four bee stings, and two inner
tube rashes...

Jake just stares at his campers and Spud.

76 JAKE 76
Look at them. My cabin doesn't
have a chance of beating Brad in
the cup competition.

Trixie pats Jake on the back.

77 TRIxie 77
Jakey, remember, this isn't about
winning that stupid cup. We're
here to have fun. And even more
important, they're here to have
fun.

Head Counselor Jenkins stands up in front of the fire.

78 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS 78
 Attention everyone. Three-time
 Mugwomp Cup winner Junior Counselor
 Brad will now entertain everyone
 with a frightful ghost story--The
 Legend of Shackles Jack. <chuckle>.

BRAD - gets up, holding an old leather-bound book.

JAKE AND TRIXIE - Trixie leans over.

79 TRIXIE 79
 Shackles Jack?

80 JAKE 80
 Pfft. It's the same old story they
 used to try to scare us with when I
 was a camper here.

BRAD - holds up the old book, addressing the audience.

81 BRAD 81
 Camp Mugwomp wasn't always a summer
 camp for you little potty-
 squatters. Thousands of years ago,
 during the Civil War between the
 East Coast and West Coast, it was a
 prison camp for this nation's most
 horrible criminals and outlaws...

Brad motions to the old graveyard behind him on the hill.

82 BRAD 82
 ...And the ghosts of these fiends
 still haunt this camp to this day.

QUICK REACTION SHOTS - of the captivated kids. Eugene's lip
 starts to quiver. Bennny cowers behind Spud in his plastic
 ball. Craig and Chris huddle together as they stuff s'mores
 in their mouths. *

Brad opens the book as he continues--

83 BRAD 83
 But the worst of them all was an
 inmate called 'Shackles Jack.' I'm
 going to read to you directly from
 his own journal...

SPOOKY SHOTS - clouds drift over the full moon, casting
 shadows over the graveyard. The fire flickers from the
 changing wind. There's the RUMBLE of distant thunder as Brad
 reads--

84 BRAD 84
 "October 31st, 1864. I, Shackles
 Jack, know that I shall never leave
 this prison alive. But I have cast
 a spell of black magic so that my
 fellow inmates and I will one day
 escape it in death. When all eight
 planets align, eight of us shall
 rise from our graves and seek our
 revenge on the living...

85 GHOSTLY FIGURES (O.S.) 85
 Wooooooooooooooooo!

ON BRAD - as ghostly figures rise up from the tombstones in
 the graveyard behind him and run down the hill.

86 GHOSTLY FIGURES 86
 Wooooooooooooooooo!

ON THE CAMP FIRE - as the kids freak and scatter. Eugene
 bursts into tears and races off. Benny rolls away in his
 ball.

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87 BENNY/EUGENE/MARKY/CRAIG/CHRIS 87
 Ahhhhhhh!/Run!/Ghosts!/etc.

JAKE, TRIxie, AND SPUD - go after them.

88 JAKE 88
 Guys, chill. Come back. It's a
 joke. He's just trying to scare
 you...

THE GHOSTLY FIGURES - surround Brad and then peel off their
 sheets to reveal that they are his campers from Cabin #6.

89 BRAD 89
 Good job, guys. Did you see those
 losers from Cabin Nine? Cabin
 nine, cabin nine ain't got no spine-
 -they're babies, boo-hoo, they're
 babies! Cabin Six rules!

90 CABIN 6 CAMPERS 90
 Yes, sir, Counselor Brad, sir!

Brad tosses the journal over his shoulder and it lands--

IN THE GRAVEYARD - We PAN UP to reveal that it has landed at the base of a tombstone. A flash of lightning reveals the name on the stone--'Shackles Jack.'

CUT TO:

INT. CABIN NUMBER NINE - NIGHT

Lightning flashes and THUNDER roars as the campers huddle in Jake's bed. He buries his head under his pillow.

91 JAKE 91
Guys, I'm telling you. It's just a
stupid ghost story. Now go to bed.

Eugene holds up a Camp Mugwomp pamphlet.

92 EUGENE 92
But I read about Mugwomp's history.
It really was a prison camp during
the Civil War!

Spud emerges from the bathroom, dressed in a frilly pink robe. He fishes a large hair brush out of his 'lost and found' box, squeezes some tooth paste on it, and begins brushing his teeth.

93 SPUD 93
(brushing his teeth)
Just because it was a horrible
prison camp where inmates vowed
revenge from beyond the grave
doesn't mean that it's haunted.

Spud turns and returns to the bathroom as Jake sits up.

94 JAKE 94
Spud's right. Look, I went to camp
here when I was your age. I never
saw any ghosts. Why would they
suddenly show up now?

Benny motions over to Marky.

95 BENNY 95
Because Marky checked it out. Show
him.

Marky brings over a star chart and sextant, drawing out the planetary positions on the chart with a wax pencil.

96 MARKY 96
In exactly seventeen minutes, the
eight planets are going to be in
perfect alignment...

97 CRAIG 97
...Just like it said in Shackle
Jack's diary!

98 CHRIS 98
...It's the first time that's
happened since the Civil War!

Jake yawns, rolling over.

99 JAKE 99
Guys, there is no such thing as
ghosts. Unicorns, maybe.
Leprechauns, sure. But no ghosts.
You can trust us on this, o.k.?

Spud returns from the bathroom. He peels of his robe to
reveal that he is wearing a tiny bright red speedo and
flippers on his feet.

100 SPUD 100
Absolutely. We're your dependable
and respectable role models that
you can totally look up to and
stuff. Well, g'night.

THE CAMPERS - exchange unsure looks as Spud straps 'floaties'
onto his arms and fits a scuba mask over his face. He climbs
into his bed, CLICKING off the light. There is more
lightning and THUNDER as we--

CUT TO:

EXT. THE GRAVEYARD - NIGHT

CLOSE ON THE JOURNAL - the wind whips through its pages as
lightning flashes and THUNDER booms. Suddenly, the ghostly
hands of SHACKLES JACK rise up from his grave, picking up his
journal as his figure emerges from the soil.

101 SHACKLES JACK 101
At last...

WIDER - as we see SEVEN MORE GHOSTLY FIGURES rise from their
graves. Shackles Jack greets them--

17.

102 SHACKLES JACK
...Peg Leg Pat...Solitary Sam...
Chain Gang Chuck...

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The ghosts gather around Shackles Jack.

103 SHACKLES JACK
...All of the old gang. The time
has come to find us eight warm
bodies we can steal and posses as
our own.

103

He begins to LAUGH along with the other ghosts.

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - NIGHT

WIDE ON THE CAMP - in the THUNDER and lightning.

104 SHACKLES JACK/GHOSTS (V.O.)
<evil laughter>

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FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. CAMP MUGWOMP - MESS HALL - MORNING

A YAWNING Jake and Spud sit at a table with Benny, Eugene, Marky, Chris, and Craig. Spud is wearing a kimono.

105 EUGENE 105
Listen, Counselor Jake and Spud.
We're sorry we got so freaked out
from the ghost story last night.

Spud grabs a slice of bacon with a pair of chopsticks. He pours himself some orange juice like a geisha pouring tea.

106 SPUD 106
Don't worry about it, little
buddies. Things always seem much
scarier in the dark.

107 MARKY 107
It's just--the whole thing is kind
of--

108 BENNY 108
--Embarrassing.

Craig and Chris eat mayo out of a large bottle.

109 CRAIG/CHRIS 109
--Yeah.

Jake waves them off.

110 JAKE 110
Don't sweat it, guys. The whole
thing is forgotten. Like it never
happened--

111 BRAD (O.S.) 111
--Your attention, please...

Brad moves to the front of the mess hall with his group of his SNICKERING campers. He pulls down a slide screen.

112 BRAD 112
Myself and the campers of cabin six
would like to present a little
slide show we're calling "The
'fraidy-cat losers of cabin number
nine..."

THE FIRST SLIDE - appears on the screen. It shows a screaming Eugene crying and running away from the camp fire.

113 BRAD (O.S.) 113
Notice the look of sheer fright-a-
tude terror on the face of the
doofus...

ON EUGENE - He sinks in his seat as the dining hall begins erupting in SNICKERS.

ON THE SCREEN - The next slide slips into place, showing Craig and Chris SLAMMING into each other as they run from the fire.

114 BRAD (O.S.) 114
...I call this one, 'When Planets
Collide...' *

CRAIG AND CHRIS - lower their heads as the LAUGHTER builds.

BRAD - points to the screen as the slide switches to a shot of Benny rolling away in his plastic ball. *

115 BRAD 115
...And talk about a goof
ball...<snickering> *

THE ENTIRE DINING HALL - is exploding with LAUGHTER as Benny slouches in his ball. *

JAKE - stands up.

116 JAKE 116
All right, Brad. That's enough.

BRAD - grins.

117 BRAD 117
Oh, that reminds me. For Junior
Counselor Jake Long, we have a
special golden oldie, going way
back seven summers ago when he
single-handedly lost the Mugwomp
Cup for his cabin.

THE SLIDE - slides into place, showing the seven year old Jake face down in the muddle puddle.

ON JAKE - He stews as the LAUGHTER continues. Benny, Eugene, Marky, Craig and Chris exchange glances. Jake walks out of the mess hall.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - DOCKS - DAY

JAKE - is sitting at the end of the dock, staring out at the lake. Benny, Eugene, Markey, Craig and Chris approach him.

118 BENNY 118
Counselor Jake...

119 EUGENE 119
Listen, me and the guys have been
talking and, well...

120 MARKY 120
...We think it's cool if you want
to go to Head Counselor Jenkins and
get reassigned to a different
cabin.

Jake turns, eyes them.

121 JAKE 121
What?

122 CRAIG 122
Well, we know how bad you want to
win the Mugwomp Cup competition and
we just figure--

123 CHRIS 123
--We just figure it's not fair to
you--that you got stuck with a
bunch of losers like us.

Jake stands, turns.

124 JAKE 124
You guys are right about one thing.
I do want to win that Mugwomp Cup
and beat Brad...

THE CAMPERS - exchange nods, lowering their heads.

125 JAKE 125
...But I only want to do it with
you guys. All of us together. As
a team.

THE KIDS - all look up.

126 EUGENE 126
With us?

127 BENNY 127
You mean it?

128 MARKY 128
But you saw how they made fun of us
back in there--we can't swim, we
can't run, we can't sail. We can't
do anything.

129 JAKE 129
Right. Which means I better start
teaching you. Starting tomorrow.
Five AM sharp. So...who's with me.

Jake holds out his hand. One by one, the campers put their
hands out over his.

130 JAKE 130
"Mugwomp Cup!" on three. One, two,
three...

131 EUGENE/MARKY/CRAIG/CHRIS/BENNY 131
Mugwomp Cup!

MONTAGE MUSIC swells as we--

LAUNCH INTO:

THE CAMP MUGWOMP CUP TRAINING MONTAGE

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - DAWN - TRAINING MONTAGE

JAKE - leads the campers on a running trail that goes around
the lake. Eugene, Benny, Marky, Craig, and Chris, stumble
behind him, falling over each other.

Spud brings up the rear, wearing a giant Eskimo parka and
struggling to run in a pair of ice skates.

BRAD AND THE CAMPERS OF CABIN SIX - job past Jake and the
group in a tight formation. Brad shakes his head as his
campers snicker.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - ARCHERY RANGE - MONTAGE

Jake demonstrates to the campers how to pull back on a bow. (All wear proper protective gear.) He gently releases an arrow. It THUNKS into a bullseye down range.

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Eugene takes the bow and arrow from Jake. He aims and takes a step back, tripping over a large branch extended over a rock. As he trips, the bottom end of the branch snaps up, teeter-totter style, sending Benny's plastic ball jettisoning through the air.

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Jake and the others run O.S. after him as we-

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CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - LAKE SIDE TRAIL - DAWN - MONTAGE

Jake and Spud jog along, setting the pace for--

THE CABIN NINE CAMPERS - who huff and puff behind them, but are at least managing to stay on their feet.

BRAD AND HIS CAMPERS - jog past them. Brad grins.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - LAKE - DAY - MONTAGE

CLOSE ON THE FRONT OF A CURLING BOAT - as Jake commands his team to row. We see Eugene and Marky rowing earnestly in the front. We PULL BACK to reveal--

THE ENTIRE FRONT OF THE BOAT - is lifted out of the water from the weight of Craig and Chris, who are rowing in the boat's stern.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - LAKE SIDE TRAIL - TRAINING MONTAGE

Jake and Spud run along the familiar trail. Spud is wearing a ridiculous looking old fashioned one piece men's swimsuits and a top hat and is running on cross-country skis. The Cabin Nine campers run behind them, looking better, as Brad passes with his campers, only this time with some effort.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - VARIOUS - DAY - MONTAGE

QUICK SHOTS -1) Jake helps Benny over the wall of an obstacle course. 2) Spud, wearing a full tuxedo, demonstrates to Marky how to do the backstroke in the lake. 3) Jake hits the throttle on a motor boat while a terrified Eugene water skis behind him. He goes off a jump and goes crashing into a tree top along the lake.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - LAKE SIDE - TRAINING MONTAGE

Jake, Spud, and the campers are now running in a tight formation.

Brad and his campers approach, running alongside them. They dig in, trying to pass, but Jake and his crew also dig in.

WIDE - as the two cabins runs side by side, neither able to overtake the other.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - VARIOUS - DAY - MONTAGE

In a SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS, we see the campers of cabin nine begin to have success-- 1) Marky shoots an arrow, nailing the bullseye. 2) Benny bounces through the obstacle course, using his plastic ball to his advantage. 3) Eugene hits the water ski jump, performing a trick. 3) Spud, dressed in ballerina tutu, shouts through a megaphone while the campers row their crew boat in perfect sequence.

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CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - LAKE SIDE - TRAINING MONTAGE

Brad runs along the lake with his campers in a straight line behind him. Suddenly, the campers begin to turn as--

JAKE - and his campers overtake them, jogging straight ahead and leaving Brad and his campers in their wake.

BRAD - stops, scowling as he watches--

JAKE - lead their campers off towards the beautiful rising sun.

Spud brings up the rear, wearing the actual 'lost and found' box with arm and leg holes cut out of it. The montage MUSIC SWELLS into a climactic finish as we-

END MONTAGE

CUT TO:

INT. MEDICAL CABIN - EVENING

Jake watches while Trixie finishes wrapping an ace bandage around Eugene's ankle.

132	TRIXIE	132
	Just keep this tight around your	
	ankle, stay off of it, and you are	
	good to go, little man.	

Eugene hops off the exam table.

133	EUGENE	133
	Thanks, Counselor Trixie.	

Jake stops him as he hobbles towards the door.

134	JAKE	134
	Eugene, head back out to the	
	obstacle course. I want you to get	
	in six more laps before sundown.	

135	EUGENE	135
	Yes, sir.	

Eugene runs, limping out of the cabin. Trixie stares at Jake.

136	TRIXIE	136
	Didn't you just hear what I said?	
	He needs to stay off that ankle.	

137	JAKE	137
	And he will. Right after we're	
	finished whooping on Brad in the	
	Mugwomp Cup competition tomorrow.	

Trixie moves past a CAMPER sitting on an exam table with a beehive stuck on his head. He motions frantically.

138	BEEHIVE CAMPER	138
	Mmmpphh! Mmmmpphhh!	

Trixie waves him off as she pulls a clipboard off her wall.

139 TRIXIE 139

Yeah, yeah. I'll be right with
you, Tommy. (to Jake). Jakey, I've
been checking my medical records
here...

She begins to sift through the paper while Tommy struggles with the beehive on his head in the background.

140 TRIxie 140

...And guess what cabin is leading
this camp in injuries? That's
right, it's cabin nine. Your
cabin. I got sprained ankles, I
got bloody noses, I got blisters on
top of blisters.

141 JAKE 141
I've been training them hard.
What's your point?

142 TRIXIE 142

My point is that maybe you're
pushing them a little too hard.
They're here to have fun, remember?

143 JAKE 143

Those kids have been laughed at and
humiliated by guys like Brad their
whole lives. Now, I'm trying to
give them the chance to dish out
some payback. What's wrong with
that?

144 TRIXIE 144

Just ask yourself. Are you really
doing it for them--or are you doing
it for yourself?

Trixie hands the clipboard to Jake as she ZIP on a beekeeper suit and turns her attention to Tommy. Jake starts out the door, turns back to call after her--

145 JAKE 145
I just want them to know what it
feels like to be winners, to hold
that Cup. What could possibly be
wrong with that?

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - ENTRANCE - NIGHT

THE MUGWOMP CUP - sits under glass in the outside trophy case as the eight ghostly figures of Shackles Jack and his cohorts float over towards it.

146 CHAIN GANG CHUCK 146
I'm tired of laying low, Jack.

147 SOLITARY SAM 147
Me, too. When do we get our new
bodies? I want to be able to
taste, to touch, to feel.

148 SHACKLES JACK 148
Patience, boys. The secret to our
rebirth is in this here cup.
Recognize it?

149 PEG LEG PAT 149
I'll be. It's the very same cup
the Warden kept on his desk!

150 SHACKLES JACK 150
That's right. And the first flesh
and blood humans to touch it, those
are the bodies we'll steal and take
for our own. <evil laughter>

PUSH IN ON THE CUP as we--

MATCH DISSOLVE
TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - ENTRANCE - MORNING

THE CUP - sits under its case as we PULL OUT to reveal that the entire camp is gathered around it. The Head Counselor speaks into a megaphone--

151 HEAD COUNSELOR 151
Let the Mugwomp Cup games begin!

The campers EXPLODE into CHEERS.

BRAD AND HIS CAMPERS - approach Jake and his campers.

152 BRAD 152
Prepare to dine on defeat, losers!
That cup is ours!

Jake exchanges determined looks with his campers.

153 JAKE
We'll see about that...

153

Our bouncy 'Rocky'-esque MUSIC swells as we--

LAUNCH INTO:

THE MUGWOMP CUP GAMES MONTAGE

EXT. ARCHERY RANGE - DAY

ONE OF BRAD'S CAMPERS - pulls back on his bow and THUNKS an arrow into the bullseye. (All with protective gear, please.) *

MARKY - aims carefully, then suddenly begins writing a long equation problem out on the dirt with the arrow. He aims, pointing the arrow in the opposite direction. The gallery watches as the arrow ricochets off a sign, goes through a rain gutter and shoots out, splitting Brad's camper's arrow into perfect halves, Robin Hood style. Marky pumps his fist as the gallery erupts into CHEERS.

THE SCOREBOARD

--shows the standings of the various cabins. A Junior Counselor moves the 'Cabin 9' placard ahead of 'Cabin 6.'

EXT. LAKE - DAY

Brad watches while one of his campers executes a perfect dive from a wooden diving platform into the water.

CRAIG - climbs up onto the platform. The platform begins to GROAN and CREAK under his weight. It COLLAPSES, sending Craig belly-flopping into the water with a sickening SLA-APP!

JAKE, SPUD, AND TRIxie - look away as the crowd is covered by a tidal wave of water that empties the lake, leaving Craig sitting in the lake bed with FLOPPING fish around him. He shrugs, sheepish.

THE SCOREBOARD

Cabin 6 moves ahead of Cabin 9.

EXT. SUMO WRESTLING PIT - DAY

BENNY - races into one of Brad's campers at full speed. The plastic ball causes the other camper to go BOINGING out of the ring. *

JAKE AND THE OTHER CABIN NINE CAMPERS - hoist Benny onto their shoulders as the crowd cheers.

Brad scowls as he glances over to--

THE SCOREBOARD

Cabin 9 moves ahead of Cabin 6 as their total points continue to accumulate.

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - VARIOUS - COMPETITION MONTAGE

IN A QUICK SERIES OF SHOTS, we see--1) One of Brad's campers narrowly beat Marky in the obstacle course race. 2) Eugene outmaneuvering Cabin 6 in water skiing. 3) Craig and Chris have a tennis ball bounce off their heads in doubles tennis but--4) Craig and Chris anchor Cabin 9 and win in the tug of war, pulling the campers of Cabin 6 into a pit of mud. We INTERCUT with--

THE SCOREBOARD

--as Cabin 9 and Cabin 6 keep switching leads.

EXT. LAKE - DAY

The Cabin 9 and Cabin 6 crew boats are neck and neck as the campers row towards the finish line. (All wear life vests.) *

SPUD - dressed in a wedding dress, urges his campers to row but--

THE CABIN 6 BOAT - narrowly crosses the finish line ahead of them. Spud topples backwards into the water with a SPLASH.

Brad and his rowers celebrate as--

ON THE SCOREBOARD

Cabin 6 and Cabin 9 are slid into the same slot as the MUSIC FADES and we END MONTAGE.

154 HEAD COUNSELOR (V.O.) 154
 This is it, folks. Cabin 9 and
 Cabin 6 are tied for the lead as we
 move into the final event, the
 cross country race...

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - DOCKS - DAY

THE STARTING LINE - Brad psyches up his camper.

155 BRAD 155
 Don't worry. This chump is yours.

EUGENE - walks towards the starting line, limping on his bad
 ankle. Jake watches him. Trixie watches Jake through the
 crowd.

CUT TO:

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - WOODS - DAY

SPUD - shivers in his wet wedding dress as he makes his way
 through the woods, cutting back towards the cabin.

156 SPUD 156
 Freezing...must change.

He stops suddenly as he hears--

157 SHACKLES JACK (O.S.) 157
 Not long now, boys...

Spud ducks down, peering up over some brush to see--

SHACKLES JACK AND HIS TEAM OF GHOSTS - hovering near the edge
 of the woods.

158 SHACKLES JACK 158
 What ever team takes that cup, we
 grab 'em and take 'em up into those
 abandoned caves over the lake.

SPUD - his jaw drops.

159 SPUD 159
 (quietly)
 Ghosts! Real ghosts!

BACK ON THE GHOSTS - as the gleefully gather around Shackles
 Jacks.

160 PEG LEG PAT 160
Then we perform the ritual, right?

161 SHACKLES JACK 161
That's right. This cup is the
vessel that will let us transfer
our ghostly souls into their
bodies.

162 SOLITARY SAM 162
Then, we come back to the camp...

163 PEG LEG PAT 163
And live the rest of our lives...

164 SHACKLES JACK 164
...in their bodies <evil laugh>

The other ghosts join in--

165 SHACKLES JACK/GHOSTS 165
<laughing>

SPUD - ducks down and races back through the woods as we--

CUT TO BLACK:

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. CAMP MUGWOMP - DOCKS - DAY

THE STARTING LINE - Jake watches as Craig and Chris help the limping Eugene to the starting line, where Brad's camper is waiting.

166 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS 166
This race will decide the winner of
this year's Mugwomp Cup! Runners,
take your mark...

Craig and Chris help steady Eugene, who whispers to them--

167 EUGENE 167
I'm O.k. I have to do this. We
have to win this cup. For Jake.

JAKE - glances down, sees--

THE ACE BANDAGE - sticking out from under Eugene's sock.

168 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS (O.S.) 168
...Get set...

JAKE - glances around, suddenly steps forward--

169 JAKE 169
--Hold up. Stop.

HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS - and everyone else turns as Jake walks over to Eugene.

170 JAKE 170
I'm pulling my runner from the
race. His ankle is sprained. He
shouldn't be on it.

TRIXIE - A BUZZ of shock ripples through the crowd as she smiles at Jake in admiration.

THE HEAD COUNSELOR - turns to Jake.

171 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS 171
Can't he just suck it up? I mean,
if you pull him, your cabin has to
forfeit the event. You'll lose the
cup!

Jake looks over his campers, then up at Trixie.

172 JAKE 172
I don't want the cup. I just want
my campers to have fun.

Eugene and the rest of his campers smile, touched while--

BRAD AND HIS CAMPERS - explode into CHEERS.

173 BRAD 173
Yes! Did you hear that? The
Bradster wins again! Cabin six
rules! Cabin six rules!

Brad opens the trophy case and takes out the Mugwomp Cup. He
and his campers carry it back towards their cabin.

174 BRAD/CAMPERS 174
Woo-hoo!/Yeah!/We win!

Eugene turns to Jake as the other campers gather around.

175 EUGENE 175
I'm sorry, Jake.

176 JAKE 176
What for? I'm proud of all of you.

Trixie approaches, putting her arm around Jake's shoulder.

177 TRIxie 177
And I'm proud of you, dawg.

Jake grins.

178 JAKE 178
Come on, guys. Let's go celebrate.

Jake and the others are heading back to their cabins when a
crazed Spud comes racing up to them, still wearing his wet
wedding dress.

179 TRIxie 179
Spud? What's wrong with you, boy?
You look like you just saw--

180 SPUD 180
--Gh-gh-gh-ghooooosttsss!

Spud quickly pulls Jake and Trixie aside, lowering his voice.

181 SPUD 181
It's Shackles Jack! He's real!
The ghosts are real! We have to
stop Eugene from winning the cup!

182 JAKE 182
Spud, chill. I pulled Eugene from
the race.

183 SPUD 183
But then the cup! Who won the
cup!?

CUT TO:

EXT./INT. CABIN SIX - DAY

Jake, Spud, and Trixie enter the Cabin to find that it has
been completely ransacked. There is no sign of Brad, the
campers, or the cup.

184 SPUD 184
We're too late! Shackles Jack has
already taken Brad and his campers!

185 TRIxie 185
Spud, what exactly did you hear
them say?

186 SPUD 186
The cup has some kind of spell cast
on it. They're going to take Brad
and the other campers to the caves
above the lake and use the cup to
steal their bodies!

187 JAKE 187
Looks like it's dragon time.

The gang heads outside where--

EUGENE, BENNY, MARKY, CRAIG, AND CHRIS - are waiting.

188 BENNY 188
Is everything o.k., Jake?

189 JAKE 189
It's cool, guys. Look, you all
better just wait back at the cabin,
o.k.?

The campers exchange looks as--

JAKE, TRIxie AND SPUD - hurry around a cabin and out of sight.

190 JAKE 190
Dragon up!

Jake MORPHS into dragon form, picks up Trixie and Spud, and takes to the sky.

CUT TO:

INT. ABANDONED MINES - DAY

AN ABANDONED MINE SHAFT - is lined with tracks and old mining cars.

BRAD AND HIS CAMPERS - are shackled to the wall while Shackles Jack and the other ghosts place the Mugwomp Cup on the floor in front of them.

191 BRAD 191
Heh-heh. Sorry, Jake. But I know
it's just you and your cabin of
losers trying to scare us. Right?
Right?

Shackles Jack passes his hand right through Brad's body.

192 SHACKLES JACK 192
That's fine, boy. You keep tellin'
yourself that. I'll be taking your
body for meself.

Brad faints dead away, along with all of his campers.

193 BRAD/CAMPERS 193
<fainting sounds>

Shackles Jack stands over the bowl with a single olive branch.

194 SHACKLES JACK 194
Just this one last ingredient and
all of our souls will be
transferred into this cup.

195 PEG LEG PAT 195
And when the sun rises in the
morning...

196 SOLITARY SAM 196
 ...our souls will go from the cup
 into their bodies...

197 SHACKLES JACK 197
 And we begin our new lives!

198 JAKE (O.S.) 198
 Is that a fact, Jack?

Shackles Jack and the others turn as--

JAKE - comes sailing into the mine shaft. He drops of Trixie
 and Spud and then flies into--

SHACKLES JACK - who drops the olive branch onto the floor.

199 SHACKLES JACK 199
 Ooof!

Jake banks over towards--

PEG LEG PAT AND CHAIN GANG CHUCK - and swings his tail
 through them.

200 JAKE 200
 Hi-ya!

But his tail passes right through them, CRASHING into the
 wall of the cave.

PEG LEG PAT AND CHAIN GANG CHUCK - are able to take material
 form long enough to swing shovels and SMASH Jake over the
 back. He goes down hard.

201 JAKE 201
 Owww!

TRIXIE AND SPUD - pick up wooden planks and begin swinging
 them at--

THE GHOSTS - who turn transparent, the blows passing through
 them.

202 TRIXIE 202
 <effort> Hey! Now that just isn't
 fair!

JAKE - lands in front of Shackles Jack, swinging through him.

203 SHACKLES JACK 203
 You'll find it ain't easy battling
 a ghost.

Shackles Jack pulls on a chain and a metal hook swings through frame, CLOCKING Jake.

204 JAKE 204
Mmmmphhh!

THE GHOSTS - close in around Trixie and Spud.

205 SPUD 205
Jake, hurry! If anything happens
to me, I don't want it happening in
a wedding dress! And my shoes
don't match! *

JAKE - regains his footing and launches a BLAST OF FIRE at--

SHACKLES JACK - who goes ghostly. The fireball passes through him and EXPLODES into a beam.

THE ENTIRE MINE SHAFT - begins to SHAKE and CAVE IN.

JAKE - grins sheepishly.

206 JAKE 206
Ooops!

TRIXIE - dives across the floor, scooping up the olive branch.

207 TRIXIE 207
Jake! Peep game, player! He said
this last ingredient would put
their souls into the cup!

She tosses the branch at--

JAKE - who catches it, dodging swinging shovels from the ghosts as he flies towards the Mugwomp Cup.

208 SHACKLES JACK 208
No! Stop him!

But Jake drops the branch into the cup. A vortex opens, sucking Shackles Jack and the others into the cup.

209 SHACKLES JACK/GHOSTS 209
Nooooo!/Argghhhhhh!

JAKE - scoops up the cup.

210 JAKE 210
Now we just got to make sure they
stay in the cup--for good.

He throws the cup deep down the mine shaft just as the ceiling above it COLLAPSES, burying the cup forever.

TRIXIE AND SPUD - hop up, joining Jake as the rest of the mine continues to RUMBLE and cave in around them.

211 SPUD 211
 Jake, we gotta get out of here.
 Now would be nice.

ON JAKE - With some quick fireball spits from his mouth, he BLASTS the shackles off of Brad and the campers.

TRIXIE AND SPUD - catch them, piling their unconscious bodies into one of the mine cars as they hop onto the back.

212 TRIXIE 212
 Come on, Jakey!

JAKE - flies behind the mine cart and begins pushing it down the track at full speed while the walls of the cave COLLAPSE around him.

213 JAKE 213
 Hang on, guys!

He picks up more and more speed. Jake, Trixie and Spud look up, seeing--

THE ENTRANCE TO THE SHAFT - at the end of the tunnel. But the walls and ceiling seem to be closing in around them, plunging them into blackness.

CUT TO:

EXT. MINE SHAFT OVER LAKE - NIGHT

ON THE OPENING - A cloud of dust from the cave in EXPLODES out of the entrance just as Jake comes flying out, pushing the mine car in front of them.

JAKE - is hit by flying rocks and debris, morphing back into human form. He, Trixie, Spud, Brad, and the campers all fall down, down, down until they land with a SPLASH in--

THE LAKE BELOW

--One by one, their heads begin to pop up--Jake, Trixie, Spud, Brad, and his campers.

214 BRAD 214
What--what happened?

Jake manages a grin.

215 JAKE 215
Uh, you just got served, chump.

216 TRIxie 216
Thats' right. A little practical
joke. We got you, didn't we?

217 BRAD 217
But I--I mean I saw--

Brad's campers are struggling in the water.

218 BRAD'S CAMPERS 218
Help!/Get us out of here!/etc.

Suddenly, a row of arrows with life preservers attached come WHIZZING into frame with life lines attached, landing around the campers.

REVEAL - Eugene, Benny, Marky, Craig, and Chris - standing in a row boat with bows. They row over towards the group in the water.

219 BENNY 219
Anybody need a lift back to the
camp?

Jake smiles as the Cabin Nine Campers help everyone into the boat.

CUT TO:

INT. THE MESS HALL - THE NEXT MORNING

Jake and Trixie are eating breakfast with the campers from Cabin Nine while the Head Counselor says his farewells.

220 HEAD COUNSELOR JENKINS 220
I'd like to thank everyone, campers
and counselors alike, for another
great session...

Spud suddenly approaches the table, wearing only a cafeteria tray on his front and back (held together by two rubber-bands). There are audible GASPS from the tables as he passes them, finally taking a seat next to Trixie and Jake.

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A hysterical Brad, **clad only in a** towel, is terrified and screaming at paramedics and a park ranger on the shore of the lake.

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231 JAKE (O.S.)
In this first shot, you'll see a
completely hysterical Brad
insisting that he was kidnapped by
Shackles Jack--a real ghost!

231

BRAD - cowers in his seat as--

THE WHOLE MESS HALL - bursts into LAUGHTER.

ON JAKE - as another unseen shot slides into place.

232 JAKE
Oooh. Now here are some shots
taken after Brad's towel got
snagged on a tree branch...

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ANGLE ON THE CABIN NINE KIDS - laughing and giving each other high fives.

JAKE - grins at them as we--

FADE OUT.

END SHOW